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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (44-1854) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

[redacted] telephonically advised on 7/12/68 as follows:

Since the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., he has made trips to Atlanta, Ga. and Memphis, Tenn. at the request and expense of the Florida State Attorney's Office and the Miami, Florida Police Department. He indicated the purpose of these trips was to try and develop information relative to the assassination of Doctor KING and other information relating to the National States Rights Party. He did not elaborate on his assignments nor did he indicate he had developed any unusual or pertinent information. He reportedly was in contact with witnesses involved in the KING case and based on information heard on the "street," it was said that the chauffeur of Doctor KING was suspected of "setting up Doctor KING for the assassination." [redacted] was unable to identify source of this information.

It is not known why the Florida State Attorney's Office or the Miami Police Department would have [redacted]

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make trips to Atlanta, Ga. and Memphis, Tenn. except for possibly some sensational information that would afford them nationwide publicity.

The above is being furnished to the Bureau, Atlanta and Memphis for information and to be aware of the fact that [redacted] has been in Atlanta and Memphis regarding the KING case.